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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/722,893
Filing Date	26 November 2003
First Named Inventor	Robert S. MIZEK
Group Art Unit	3714
Examiner Name	J. Ricci
Customer Number	42419
Attorney Docket Number	NA-154

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each and every cited reference
- iv. ☒ Other Request for Continued Examination (2 pages)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550 03/15/2005 CCHAU1 00000084 10722893
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 01 FC:2801 395.00 0P
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 395.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Title: BLADE STEERING APPARATUS

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Examiner: John Ricci

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on 19 October 2004, prosecution as to the merits of this Patent Application was closed. Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Patent Application for consideration of a Third Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed prior art references.

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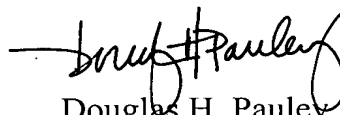
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The subject matter of the enclosed 1990 prior art references from *HUNTING WORLD* are closely related to and Kuhn, U.S. Patent 6,663,518, which Applicants cited in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed on 15 January 2004, and are also closely related to Kuhn, U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0074483.

In view of the Examiner's comments regarding the prior art, in the Office Action mailed on 19 October 2004, Applicants point out that each of independent Claims 1 and 11 require a steering element to extend outward from a flat surface of a blade or an insert mounted within a cutout of a blade.

Applicants believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Pauley", written over a horizontal line.

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